

Iron County Register

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NEWS AND NOTES.

A Summary of Important Events.

SENATOR SABIN, of Minnesota, has been elected chairman of the Republican National Committee.

The efforts to persuade the O'Donnell jurors to join in recommendation for respite proved unavailing.

The ceremony of conferring the pallium on Archbishop Elder was solemnized at Cincinnati on the 13th.

A CARGO of 100,000 cwt. of American wheat recently arrived at Laubien, Bohemia, the first American wheat ever received there.

GENERAL ANSON G. MCCOOK was nominated on the 13th by the Senate Republican caucus for Secretary of the Senate.

The business failures in the United States and Canada for the week ending the 14th numbered 325, against 307 the preceding week.

The Khedive of Egypt thinks it would be easier to defeat El Mahdi by allowing him to push down the Nile to the first cataract.

The German Crown Prince arrived at Rome the morning of the 17th. He was welcomed to Genoa on the 16th with great pomp and ceremony.

It seems the Egyptian troops did not desert in the late battle near Suakem. More than 400 corpses have been counted on the field by British officers.

The articles of incorporation filed by the Bennett-Mackay Cable Company cover routes to various countries in Europe, the West Indies, Mexico, China and Japan.

CONGRESSMAN ROBINSON, Governor-elect of Massachusetts, has been granted indefinite leave of absence, and on the 14th took leave of the House and left for home.

The British Government notified Egypt Great Britain is unable to interfere in Sudan, but will try to induce the Porte to dispatch an expedition thither by way of Suakem.

The Japanese Government is indignant because an exhibit of goods just from the factory, displayed at the Boston Exposition was described by the Boston journals as "a rare collection of ancient works of art."

The Democratic Senatorial caucus at Washington on the 17th agreed upon the same candidates for officers of the Senate nominated two years ago, and resolved to resort to no dilatory opposition to organization.

A CHOCTAW murderer was executed at Scullville Court-house, I. T., on the 13th. The Sheriff and a deputy held the man's hands while another deputy shot him with a revolver, in accordance with the sentence of the Court.

The police raided five Chicago gambling-houses at one o'clock the morning of the 15th, and arrested eighty keepers and inmates. The faro and roulette tables, chips and other gaming outfits captured were taken to the police station and burned.

A BURGLAR who was removing from Cincinnati to St. Louis was stricken with paralysis on the train on the 14th, which possibly accounts for his falling into the hands of the police on his arrival at St. Louis. A complete outfit of burglar's tools was found in his luggage.

A DISPATCH of the 13th from Schneyden, Holland, says the coast in that vicinity was strewn with cases of powder and dynamite from wrecked vessels. Forty thousand kilograms of powder and 500 kilograms of dynamite were picked up by the customs authorities.

At Durango, Col., on the night of the 16th, Bruce Hunt, son of Governor Hunt, was shot and killed by "Big Ike," a negro desperado, who was in the act of robbing the Bank of Durango. Hunt was one of a party who had been waiting for the robbers. The murderer escaped.

THE WINONA & St. Peter Railway Company's elevator at Winona, Minn., together with 135,000 bushels of barley contained therein, burned on the 14th. The Schlitz Brewing Company's warehouse and the Diamond Joe floating dock took fire from flying embers and were also destroyed; loss \$125,000.

ROBBERS entered the house of S. P. Cressinger at Maple Rapids, Mich., the morning of the 17th, chloroformed Mr. C. ransacked the premises, securing \$2,500 in money and a quantity of other valuables, and then set fire to the house. Mr. Cressinger recovered his faculties in time to make his escape from the burning building.

A HONG KONG dispatch of the 17th says a French expedition of 6,000 men, with a flotilla of gunboats and steam launches, started several days ago from Hanoi for Sontay. The troops landed seven miles from the town and encamped without meeting the enemy or firing a shot. The assault upon Sontay was expected December 12. The enemy's force is estimated at 20,000 men.

BARON NORDENSKJOLD, the well-known explorer of the Arctic regions, is contemplating another voyage. He intends, however, to leave the beaten track this time and go southward to the Antarctic circle. The attempt will be made in 1885, and a contract has already been made with a firm of Clyde ship-builders for a vessel of a special type for the purpose. The vessel will cost \$1,000,000.

The Secretary of the Navy received the following telegram on the 17th from Minister Hunt at St. Petersburg: "Harbor telegraphs from Irkutsk to-day: 'Arrived from Yakutsk in nineteen days. Military honors were paid the bodies of De Long and party on departure from Yakutsk. The bodies were received here by the city authorities and Geographical Society of East Siberia and are now lying in a catafalque in the public square. They leave Friday.'"

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

DR. ROBERT E. DOUGLASS was sentenced to four years' imprisonment at Detroit, Mich., on the 13th, for pension frauds.

JULIA REESE and George Bolles, the colored boy, were arrested on the 13th, charged with complicity in the murder of the Jacob Crouch family near Jackson, Mich., on November 22. They were remanded for examination on January 8. They were servants in Crouch's household, and had been in jail as witnesses since the murder.

The French Cabinet is considering the advisability of sending large reinforcements to Tonquin, but Marquis Tseng says an amicable settlement is still possible.

THE O'Donnell case was again considered by the Cabinet at Washington on the 14th.

It is said that one thousand coal miners of the Monongahela third pool will strike on the 20th.

NINE firemen were injured by an explosion at the burning of the Harris Mill at Lowell, Mass., on the 14th.

THE suits brought by Rufus Hatch against the Western Union Telegraph Company have been thrown out of court.

THE steamer Josie Harry burned on the 14th fifteen miles below Memphis with 600 bales of cotton.

In a primary election riot at New Orleans on the 14th three men were killed and about a dozen wounded.

TWELVE saloon-keepers were sentenced to fine and imprisonment at Cambridge, O., on the 14th, for violation of the Scott law.

THE Chamber of Commerce of Bremen, Germany, has protested against the prohibition of American pork importation.

THE Missouri Democratic State Committee will meet December 28 to consider, among other things, measures to bring the National Democratic Convention to St. Louis.

CONSIDERABLE testimony was elicited on the 14th in the Bond trial at Hillsboro, Ill., which bears somewhat heavily against the accused.

ENOCH BROWN and Burt Ellis, both colored, were hanged on the 14th for murdering women, the former at Halifax, N.S., and the latter at Shelby, N. C.

THE Standard Theater, New York, was totally destroyed by fire the evening of the 14th.

A Nihilist who escaped from prison at Charkov killed a gendarme who sought to rearrest him and then committed suicide.

In a riot at Blue Mountain tunnel, Pa., on the 14th, between Italians and negro laborers, four of the latter were more or less badly shot.

THE steamer Auk was wrecked during the terrible gale on the 11th in the English Channel, and twenty-one lives were lost. Several other wrecks occurred.

THE State Department is requested by the Marine Hospital service to demand the inspection and fumigation of all rags shipped from Egypt to America.

THERE were two murders in Boston on the 16th.

THE Khedive has asked England to send more soldiers to Egypt.

THE boundary dispute between Manitoba and Ontario has been settled.

THE town of Dubois, Pa., was almost wiped out of existence by fire on the 16th.

CONGRESSMAN D. C. HASKELL, of Kansas, died in Washington the morning of the 16th.

NOTHING is known in Shanghai of the reported revolution in the Imperial palace at Peking.

THE St. Louis Glucose and Grape Sugar works, situated in East St. Louis, burned the night of the 16th.

It is reported that the Spanish Government has demanded the recall of the French Ambassador at Madrid.

BAKER PASHA was still at Cairo on the 16th. His departure for Suakem had been delayed by financial difficulties.

PATRICK O'DONNELL, the murderer of James Carey, was hanged at Newgate Prison, London, at eight o'clock the morning of the 17th.

MOFFETT, Finch and Millan, the Milwaukee police incendiaries, were sentenced on the 15th to the Reform School until twenty-one years of age.

AN explosion of gas occurred in the Cameron colliery at Shamokin, Pa., on the afternoon of the 15th, demolishing doors and braces in the mines, fatally burning Elias Noll and seriously injuring John Smith, miners. Noll was burned almost to a crisp.

LILLIAN LUGENBEEL, the divorced wife of ex-Senator Christy, of Michigan, died suddenly in New York the morning of the 15th.

A YOUNG man named J. Morett cut his throat from ear to ear the morning of the 12th at Winchester, Ind. It was thought he could not recover.

EX-POLICEMAN CONEY, of New York, who shot Peter Kienan, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree.

In the New Orleans City primaries forty Ogden and forty-seven McEnery delegates were elected.

CHICAGO is making strenuous efforts to secure the Democratic National Convention.

THE trestle used in erecting the new canal bridge at Crescent, Saratoga County, N. Y., fell on the 15th, precipitating five men twenty feet to the canal bottom. All were injured, Saats Fonda and Frank Silvernail probably fatally.

THE loss by the burning of the Standard Theater, New York, is estimated at \$7,000; insurance, \$25,000.

THE Pope has approved the undertaking of the proposed erection of a memorial church to the memory of Daniel O'Donnell at Cahirciveen, Ireland.

A COMMISSARY of Police named Heuback was murdered by anarchists in Vienna the night of the 15th. The murderer has been arrested.

THE Glasgow dynamiters have been taken to Edinburgh for trial.

THE Mexican Transatlantic line was formally opened on the 18th.

THE non-union moulders were attacked at Troy, N. Y., on the 17th.

DILLMAN, the wife murderer, will be hanged at Easton, Pa., February 12.

Two train robbers were captured at Clifton, Arizona, on the 17th.

The issue of silver dollars for the week ended December 15 was \$378,491.

The weekly review of the English grain market reports the trade depressed.

THE cotton-mills at New Bedford, Mass., have shut down on account of a strike of the weavers.

PROSPECTS are said to be favorable to the passage of a bankrupt law by Congress.

SENATOR HALE has introduced a bill in Congress for the construction of seven steel vessels and two torpedo boats.

TWO THOUSAND coal miners have been thrown out of employment by the suspension of work in the mines on the Monongahela River.

It is thought that the iron moulders at Pittsburgh will accept the ten per cent. reduction of wages announced to take place January 1.

A STAGE-COACH was run into at Kingston, Ont., by an express train on the 17th, and a number of people were killed.

THE stage carpenter who tried to burn the Casino in New York has been indicted for arson in the first degree.

THE President has appointed a board of officers of the army and navy to consider the question of relief of Lieutenant Greely.

SENATOR SABIN, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, has appointed O. H. Platt Chairman of the sub-committee to take charge of the preliminary Republican campaign.

THE report of bank clearings for the week ended the 17th shows a decrease both of total and outside New York compared with the same period last year.

THE remains of the late Congressman Haskell left Washington the morning of the 17th in charge of a Congressional committee for Lawrence, Kas.

A LARGE schooner off Evanston, near Chicago, is supposed to have gone down on the 17th with all on board.

THE convention of iron and steel workers at Joliet, Ill., agreed on the 17th to accept ten per cent. reduction of wages in the North Chicago Rolling Mills. It was not known whether the mills would concur.

It is now considered almost a certainty that the House of Representatives at Washington will create two new standing committees—on Rivers and Harbors, and Labor.

WHAT was left of the town of Rat Portage, Manitoba, by the recent fire was wiped out by a similar conflagration on the 17th; loss about \$100,000.

XLVIIIth CONGRESS.

In the Senate on the 12th a resolution was offered calling for information as to the expense account of the Department of Justice. Mr. Beck's resolution for information regarding the sinking-fund was adopted. Mr. Wilson's resolution for a constitutional amendment to make Congress protect the rights of citizens was referred. The House was not in session.

In the Senate on the 13th a bill was introduced to admit Washington Territory as a State. The report of the Committee on Rules was discussed, the rule providing for the election of a presiding officer pro tem, occupying the time and developing a party vote. The action was not reached. A large number of appointments were sent in. The House was not in session.

In the House of Representatives on the 14th a resolution was offered calling on the President to request religious denominations to celebrate December 23, the anniversary of Washington's resignation as commander-in-chief of the army, as a day of national mourning. The report of the Committee on the Danville riot, but objection was made. Mr. Washburn introduced a bill to remove obstructions from all navigable waters of the United States. The Senate was not in session.

In the Senate, on the 17th, a message was received from the House announcing the death of Mr. Haskell, of Kansas. After appropriate remarks and the appointment of a committee to attend the obsequies, the Senate, as a mark of respect, adjourned until Wednesday. Mr. Anthony, of Kansas, announced the death of his colleague, Hon. D. C. Haskell. Mr. Anderson offered the customary resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, and the House, as a tribute of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned until Wednesday.

CONDENSED TELEGRAMS.

In the Senate, on the 18th, bills were introduced: For a civil government for Alaska and in regard to the election of President and Vice-President. The election of officers of the Senate was taken up. Anson J. McCook was chosen Secretary; Chas. W. Johnson, Chief Clerk; James R. Young, Executive Clerk; Rev. E. D. Huntley, Chaplain; W. P. Canaday, Sergeant-at-Arms. A long debate took place on the proposed rule giving the President pro tem. That body power to appoint a Senator to hold his place for three days in case of his absence.

The English Government has been moved to increased precautions against Fenians.

THE Mayor of New Laredo, Mexico, has been arrested for complicity in the recent train robbery in Mexico.

A NUMBER of vessels were lost with all on board in a recent great storm in the Mediterranean.

A BILL to tax incomes on personal property has been introduced in the Prussian Diet.

It is stated C. F. Adams will succeed Sidney Dillon as President of the Union Pacific Railroad.

POSTAL service was placed on 5,000 miles of new railroads from July 1 to December 15.

By the explosion of the boilers of an oil refinery at Pittsburgh, Pa., on the 18th, several persons lost their lives.

A SEVENTEEN-THOUSAND-DOLLAR fire occurred at Farmland, near Muncie, Ind., on the 18th.

THE report that Governor Hendricks, of Indiana, has gone abroad for medical treatment is declared to be utterly untrue.

In the Emma Bond case at Hillsboro, Ill., on the 18th, the prosecution announced that they would rest their case.

SIDNEY GREAR, member of the Illinois Legislature, died at his home in Jonesboro, Ill., on the 18th after an illness of eight days.

FIFTEEN hundred workmen in Bennett & Co.'s mills, Pittsburgh, Pa., accepted a reduction of ten per cent. on wages on the 18th.

JOSEPH POOLE was hanged at Dublin on the 18th for the murder of O'Kenney. The execution took place in Richmond Bridge. Kenney was killed by Poole on the night of July 4, 1882, in Seville Place, Dublin.

THE conference of glass manufacturers and their employees at Pittsburg, Pa., failed, and the struggle is now to be settled by endurance.

GENERAL N. P. BARKS was confirmed United States Marshall of Massachusetts, and John R. Tanner Marshall of the Southern District of Illinois on the 18th.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

State Board of Prison Inspectors.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 13.

The State Board of Prison Inspectors yesterday held a meeting to hear the Warden's report as to the cost of the five new warehouses built during the past summer, on Lafayette street, opposite the prison. The total cost of these warehouses is about \$13,800. The Board also considered the question as to the amount of rent to be asked for the use of the warehouses by the contractors, and while no definite conclusion was arrived at, a proposition to put the price at ten per cent. of the cost was favorably received. Inquiry was made as to the progress of the work and condition of the new shop buildings, and it was determined to lease the one now nearly completed to the Geiscke Boot and Shoe Company, who will occupy the entire building, consisting of two stories, each 60 by 160. This company work nearly 200 men. It was also determined to charge the contractors fifty cents per day for all convicts worked by them above the number named in their contracts. The present contract price is forty-five cents.

Miscellaneous State Items.

Four young men were arrested in Springfield a few days ago, charged with arson. Their names are: Doug Hayes, Jas. Hayes, Bob Aldridge and J. P. Thomas. The prosecuting witness, Mrs. Nancy Pulaski, alleges that they burned her small dwelling house at North Springfield.

At Kansas City M. V. Jones was recently acquitted on a third trial for leading a mob which lynched an innocent man three years ago.

In the La Fayette County Circuit Court recently Judge Strother declared to be a nullity the ordinance adopted by the Lexington City Council in April last restraining hogs from running at large, and there is much rejoicing, particularly among the poorer classes. All fees collected by the officers and money derived from the sale of impounded hogs under the provisions of the ordinance must be returned.

As an evidence that the breeding of Short horn cattle is a profitable business, it is stated that Jas. T. Phelps, a Clinton County farmer, bought in 1879 a Short-horn cow, Moss Rose 10th, for \$300. Her first calf was a heifer and it was the only heifer calf he brought him until the last one he bred from her. From this one cow and her produce he has brought him at public sale \$4,000 worth of cattle and had previously sold \$3,000 worth at private sale, making \$7,000 realized from the investment of \$300 in thirteen years.

Recent advices from Springfield noted the mysterious disappearance of the wife of Charles Slaughter (colored) of that city. She had not been seen since the night of the 1st inst. She has a daughter living at Ozark, and a letter was sent to her inquiring if her mother was there, but the daughter went to Springfield in great alarm to report that she had not been at Ozark. The neighbors of Mr. Slaughter say that they heard a disturbance, fighting and screaming at his house the night on which the woman was last seen. Diligent search has been made for the missing woman, in which her husband has actively participated.

Rev. Barton Robinson, a divine well known throughout Central Missouri, has been missing since December 5, and his friends fear he has been foully dealt with.

Henry Diegler, Deputy City Marshal of Concordia, LaFayette County, was recently fined \$100 for undue violence in making an arrest.

So great is the proportion of Episcopalians in the community of Odessa, LaFayette County, that it is proposed to establish there a new church of that denomination.

James Jarboe, who lately cut off, it was thought, fatally injured A. G. Barry, at Lexington, has been acquitted.

The trial of John Gemenhardt for the murder of Dr. Montezuma Henstreet, on the 3d of September, 1881, which was recently held in the Circuit Court at Jefferson City, terminated in a verdict of acquittal, the jury being out only half an hour. The defense succeeded in proving an alibi by several witnesses.

Nearly one hundred passenger trains leave St. Louis daily.

Frank James' liberty on bail was very brief, as he was immediately rearrested for the Sheets murder at Gallatin in 1883, and papers in other cases were ready for service.

New Madrid County is to have a Poor Farm.

Rickert, the St. Louis counterfeiter, was sentenced by Judge Treat to three years' imprisonment.

Miss Jenni Squires recently recovered in court \$5,083 from the town of Chillicothe, for injuries sustained from a defective sidewalk.

St. Louis reports the expenditure of \$305,000 this year in building improvements.

The Governor has appointed T. W. Cavanaugh, Commissioner of Deeds for Missouri at Topeka, Kas. Mr. Cavanaugh is Assistant Secretary of State of Kansas.

Judge White, of Kansas City, who ordered recently that a recess until half-past one be taken and admonished all to be promptly on hand at that time, failed to "get there" himself at the required time and came an hour late, whereupon he directed the Deputy Clerk to enter a fine of ten dollars against the Judge (himself) for contempt, because of tardiness. The impending case then proceeded.

A pair of apparently "green uns" took in Officer Mundinger at the St. Louis Union Depot a few evenings ago. One of them displayed what appeared to be a fine gold watch, and the officer immediately grew anxious to become its possessor. He proposed a trade for his \$50 silver time-piece, which was finally effected and the "green uns" left on an outgoing train. Later the officer discovered that his prize was worth about \$3. He is not trading any more at present.

Frank James is out on bail.

Orth Stein, a reporter, who is now serving a term of twenty-five years for killing George Frederick, in Kansas City, has been granted a new trial by the Supreme Court.

The Governor has commuted the sentence of Richard Gale, of Kansas City, from eight years in the Penitentiary to a term of two years from February, 1882. Gale was convicted in the criminal court of Jackson County of obtaining the sum of \$20 from one Fred Miller, by means of a bogus check, and received a sentence of eight years.

The National Association of Mexican Veterans will meet next year in St. Louis.

PISTOLS AT THE PRIMARIES.

Bloody Riot in the Streets of New Orleans—Three Men Killed and Many Wounded—Captain M. J. Fortier, of the Louisiana Light Artillery, Among the Dead—Culmination of a Bitter Contest Between the Ogden and McEnery Factions.

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 14.

The exciting political contest which has been going on in this State within the Democratic party for the nomination for Governor resulted to-day in a shooting affray and riot in which a number of lives were lost. The contest is between S. L. McEnery, present Governor of the State, and General Fred Ogden, quite prominent in Louisiana history. It has been characterized by the most intense bitterness, and has threatened to disrupt the Democratic party in this city. This city to-day held its primaries for the election of delegates to the nominating convention. The contest has aroused as much excitement as a Presidential election, and faction feeling ran so high that a difficulty was very generally feared.

The hottest contest was in the Seventh Ward, where the two factions are evenly matched in point of numbers. Bitterness and bad blood prevailed there all the morning and only a spark was needed to cause an explosion. About one o'clock one Mike Brennan presented himself at the polls there and tried to vote. He was challenged. One side insisted on voting him and the others protested against this. In the midst of the discussion Tom Buckley, Harbor Master, struck the man over the head with a heavy cane or club, causing a serious wound. Brennan and immediately a pistol shot was fired by some one in the crowd, which was very dense. This was the signal for a general battle. There were several hundred persons in the crowd and nearly all of them must have been armed, for revolvers were flourished in the air, and shot after shot was fired. For twenty minutes the firing was kept up, over 100 shots being fired. Terrible excitement and confusion reigned. The judges and commissioners of election fled into a house near by. The police, who could do nothing to quell the fury of the combatants, fled from the field. Around the corner from the polling booth a shot now and then was heard, showing that the skirmishing was going on with pursuit and defense.

When the smoke cleared away it was found that Captain Michael J. Fortier, one of the most promising crooks in this city and the leader of the Ogden movement in the ward, was killed. Gus Renard, Superintendent of Schools, was picked up unconscious with four mortal wounds, from which he expired a few minutes later. Gabriel Masson, Deputy Constable, was wounded in three places, two of the wounds being fatal. He survived only a few minutes.

The wounded were: Robert Brewster, Criminal Sheriff of this city, shot in the leg; John Brewster, his brother, wounded in the side dangerously, if not mortally; Gus Renard, wounded in the head; David Krackerman, wounded in the thigh; Larry O'Donnell, assistant City Attorney, wounded in the arm; Peter Brannon, wounded in the head; John Dominic, wounded in the leg; Charles Fagio, wounded in the ankle; David Decklin, George Tundo; John Astrado and Charles Falco. Charles Falco was wounded in several other places known to have been injured, but have not yet been reported to the police.

Captain Fortier was commander of the Louisiana light artillery and was well known to the militia throughout the country, having taken his company to the military contests at Indianapolis, Louisville and Nashville, and carried off prizes for the best artillery drill at these places.

After the shooting, Sheriff Robert Brewster and Deputies John Dominic, Dan Louis and Mike Early, who had pistols in their hands, surrendered to the police and were locked up.

The effect of this affray was to quiet the political excitement in this city. The general result of the election is taxing and the renomination of Gov. McEnery.

SHERIFF BREWSTER'S STATEMENT.

Late to-night Sheriff Brewster decided to make the following statement: "John Dominic and I and two others went from the Sixth to the Seventh ward. When we arrived at the poll there was some one challenging a voter, and a large crowd was present. The police were moving the crowd back to make room for the vote. When Mike Early struck a man named Brennan. While in their charge Tom Buckley raised a loaded stick and struck him over the head, then jumping on the stick began firing. I immediately drew a pistol and pointed it at Buckley, but it snapped. Buckley ran by me for Bagatelle Street. I felt I had been wounded but I walked toward the poll. Before I got there the shooting was all over. Subsequently I went to Dr. Menton's office where the wound, a flesh one in the right thigh, was dressed. I took occasion to show the pistol to the doctor and he said it was a good one. After the wound was dressed I went to the Sixth ward poll, where I was arrested by Detectives Stanley and McDonough.

Geo. Schroth, an Ogden man of the Seventh ward, told Police Captain Gill that James D. Houston, a prominent McEnery supporter, had a revolver in his hand; that he saw him shoot, but did not see at whom he fired. He related the statement of Police Rowley ordered the arrest of Houston upon this information.

Attempt to Burn the Casino Theater, New York, Frustrated.

At half-past eleven Wednesday night the watchman at the Casino Theater, Broadway and Thirty-ninth street, discovered a box filled with shavings, papers and rags saturated with oil, in the unfinished portion of the building. A lighted candle burning in the center of the box. The police arrested Edward Rough, a stage carpenter, who was discharged the day before for disobedience of orders. When confronted by Rudolph Aaronson, lessee of the theater, he confessed his guilt. His motive was revenge for being discharged. He made his preparation with great care, lighted the candle just as the curtain rang up for the last act. He supposed the candle would burn an hour before it reached the combustibles. The opera "The Beggar Student" was being performed at the Casino, which is said to be the handsomest theater in the world. An audience of 1,600 people was present Wednesday night. The audience and members of the company had left the building when the discovery was made.

A Murderer Declared a Maniac.

The committee of experts, consisting of Drs. H. F. Herford, of the State Board of Health; F. M. Johnson, J. D. Griffith and J. T. Craig, appointed by the Court several weeks ago to inquire into the mental condition of John George Rayer, who murdered his divorced wife, Annie Anderson, by shooting her five times in Kate James' bargin last June, had an examination to-day and unanimously agreed upon a report that the man is a raving maniac. They will report to the court to-morrow, and steps will be taken to send Rayer to the Insane Asylum.

O'DONNELL HANGED.

Execution of Patrick O'Donnell, the Murderer of Informer Carey, at Newgate Prison—The Steamship Assyrian Monarch Searched for an Alleged Receding Party.

LONDON, Dec. 17.

Patrick O'Donnell, the slayer of James Carey, paid the penalty of his crime with in the walls of Newgate this morning. The drop fell at precisely eight a. m. Last night O'Donnell went to bed about ten o'clock, and remained apparently asleep until 5:30 this morning. At six o'clock Father Fleming came to the prisoner and remained in prayer with him for some time. At the conclusion of the prayers the sacrament was administered to the condemned. O'Donnell then partook of a light breakfast, which he appeared to eat with some relish. At 7:45 o'clock the prison bell began tolling. A similar warning was heard from the bell of St. Sepulcher's Church, on the Helborn Viaduct. Directly after the Governor of the jail with the head Warden entered and O'Donnell was at once led to the pinioning-room, situated about half-way between the condemned cell and the prison yard. There he found the executioner Binns awaiting him, together with the Sheriff of London, three wardens and the prison doctor. Binns deftly bound O'Donnell's arms with leathern thongs, the convict submitting quietly.

The procession was then formed, the prisoner being in the center, and slowly marched to the prison-yard in which the scaffold had been erected. They passed so close to the few spectators who had been admitted to witness the execution that they could have touched O'Donnell, but for the lattice work which separated them. The scaffold, which was quickly reached, had the appearance of an ordinary shed. The hempen loop, however, hung ominously from a cross-beam above. The shed was half covered, so that O